



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/637,608  
Applicant : FLYNN, *ET AL.*  
Filed : AUGUST 11, 2003  
Title : HYDROGEN ODORANTS AND ODORANT SELECTION METHOD

Art Unit : TO BE ASSIGNED  
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Atty Docket No. : ENER-0001-4

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON APPLICATION CLAIMING  
INVENTION THAT MAY MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE DEVELOPMENT OR CONSERVATION OF ENERGY  
RESOURCES UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102**

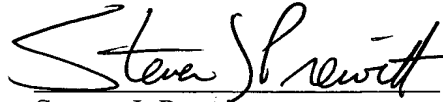
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02 (VI), Applicant hereby petitions to make the present application special due to the present application being directed to an invention that may materially contribute to (A) discovery or development of energy resources, or (B) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is required.

An energy infrastructure that uses hydrogen as an energy carrier - a concept called the "hydrogen economy" - is considered the most likely path toward a full commercial application of hydrogen energy technologies. The transition to a hydrogen economy is driven by the need to reduce pollution from the transportation sector that uses fossil fuels as a primary energy source. The production, distribution and utilization of fossil fuels significantly contributes to pollution problems in the U.S. and around the world. The Department of Energy's Hydrogen Energy program delivers an expectation that hydrogen will become a major energy source derived from renewable resources. The present invention integrates hydrogen odorization and onboard vehicle odorant adsorption into a fuel cell system to ensure safe and efficient use of hydrogen fuel.

For the above reasons, Applicant hereby requests that the present application be made special under 37 CFR § 1.102.

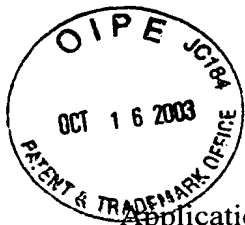
Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER

Sir:

The below-identified communication(s) is (are) submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 10-0233-ENER-0001-4.**

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